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1. On 5 May 1950, Chefinspekteur Doelling, HVA P/K Chief, submitted to Chefinspekteur Heinrich Heitsch, Chief of Staff, the monthly report of defectors for April. The report listed 77 defectors from the VPS, VPB and HVA. Of these, 38 had failed to return from their first leave, while the remainder had defected directly from their units. Doelling stated that a second group is now due back from leave, but the number of defectors is not yet known. He then asked Heitsch, in Generalinspekteur Hoffmann's absence, to add to the report the reasons for the defections and to sign the document. Heitsch refused, stating that Hoffmann could do that when he returned. Heitsch then asked Doelling whether he could explain why Kommissar Hueber of Hauptabteilung Intendantur, Abteilung Materialversorgung, had defected. To this, Doelling merely shrugged his shoulders.
2. Generalinspekteur Heinz Hoffmann has taken up his duties as Chief of the HVA, bringing with him his own clerk, typist and driver. He is also using the Horch automobile formerly assigned to Zaisser, in addition to his own Tatra. Chefinspekteur Zorn, former pro tempore chief of the HVA, has returned to his position as Chief of Abteilung Inspektion.
3. The impending move of the HVA to Adlershof has been postponed until 15-20 May 1950, at which time the Hauptverwaltung für Volkspolizei Fahrbereitschaft will also move to Adlershof. In the meantime, preparations are being made for the HVVP to move from Seckendorffstrasse to Kanonierstrasse.
4. The first six months course for Intendanturleiter, to be held in the Verwaltungsschule, Leipzig, is due to commence on 20 May 1950. There will be between 50 and 60 participants.
5. The following list presents the current state of armored vehicles in the "C" Objekte:

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	<u>Herbert I</u>	<u>Herbert II</u>	<u>Herbert III</u>	<u>Edith</u>
PRIEMERWALD	5	5	5	8
GROSSENHAIN	4	4	4	8
BURG	3	3	3	7
PINNOW	3	3	3	7

The names Herbert I, II and III and Edith are code names used in the HVA for the following armored vehicles:

- (a) Herbert I - is the T 34 tank
- (b) Herbert II - is an SU self-propelled gun
- (c) Herbert III - is an armored reconnaissance car
- (d) Edith - is a Universal carrier, British model with a Ford V-8 engine. It is this vehicle that is generally described in VP circles as a Churchill.

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6. Lt. Col. Tsvirtov, a member of Petrakovsky's staff in charge of armored vehicles, was asked on 5 May 1950 whether he knew how many tanks were ultimately to be issued to the Volkspolizei. Tsvirtov replied that he did not know, but this answer was apparently for the benefit of a clerk who was present. As if to reply to the question, he wrote the number 720 on a slip of paper. Tsvirtov has now gone to Priemerwald to supervise tank training.
7. Heitsch recently stated that armored vehicle drivers could be given only the most elementary training, the program for each driver being 15 hours driving, mainly on the Edith. He added that during June twenty armored vehicle mechanics are to attend a special course at Priemerwald. At the end of this course each would be expected to be expert enough to train other mechanics.
8. No ZIS 3-ton trucks have been delivered to the HVA since the 85 which arrived in the first half of April, and nothing more has been heard of the 15 which were reported to be waiting to cross the frontier at Frankfurt/Oder. Apparently these 15 vehicles have been delivered elsewhere. The Russians have promised that 400 ZIS 3-ton trucks will be delivered to the HVA before the end of June. This figure, they state, includes the 85 already delivered. The total of ZIS 3-ton trucks promised to the HVA for the current year is 1,000.
9. Heitsch has ordered that locations are to be chosen for HVA gasoline dumps throughout the Soviet Zone. These dumps will accommodate a total reserve of approximately 200,000 liters of fuel.
10. A Volkspolizei Kraftfahrerschule is to be opened in Gotha. The first course is due to start on 1 June 1950. The staff will consist of about 45-60, and 200 students will attend the first course. Heitsch has stated that in August or September the staff of the school will be increased and far more students will attend the courses.
11. Heitsch has ordered that in the future all correspondence regarding the poor condition of transport shall be addressed to Walter Ulbricht with a copy to Petrakovsky. As an example, he cited a recent letter received by Petrakovsky in which it was pointed out that the transport delivered to date to the HVA has been of inferior quality. Of the BMWs which have recently been delivered all were export rejects, and, on arrival, were off the road for several days while new connecting rods were being installed. The letter stated further that in a comparatively short period over 100,000 DM (East) had been spent on repairs for worn transport.

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